

CHAPTER 62
ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS

H. F. 69

AN ACT to amend section twelve hundred sixteen (1216), code, 1935, giving certain employees of the board of assessment and review power to administer oaths.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section twelve hundred sixteen (1216), Code, 1935, is
2 amended by adding thereto the following:
3 "7. Fieldmen, auditors and other employees of the income, corpora-
4 tion and sales tax division of the board of assessment and review, as
5 set forth in chapter three hundred twenty-nine-F one (329-F1) of the
6 Code as amended."

Approved March 23, 1939.

CHAPTER 63
OIL AND GAS WELLS

S. F. 328

AN ACT relating to oil and gas wells; protection of underground fresh water strata; offset drilling; notice to be given state geologist; plugging dry and abandoned wells; log, potential and plugging record to be filed; duty to have forfeited lease released, affidavit of non-compliance to be recorded, notice to land owner, remedies; same, action to obtain release, damages, costs and attorney's fees, attachment; extension upon contingency, affidavit; liens for labor or materials and of contractor and sub-contractor, manner of perfecting liens, enforcement of liens; state or any municipality to have authority to execute leases; invalidation.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Protection of underground fresh water strata. The
2 driller, owner, or operator, drilling well or wells for oil and gas pur-
3 poses, shall use such practical methods as pipe, cement, mud, or any
4 other scientific method, known or commonly used in the oil industry,
5 as will properly protect all contiguous underground fresh water strata
6 from pollution or contamination to a depth of three hundred (300)
7 feet. The provisions of this section shall not apply to hole or holes
8 core-drilled for geological purposes. It shall be the duty of any such
9 driller, owner, or operator to file with the state geologist a sworn re-
10 port, on blanks to be furnished by the state geologist, which report
11 shall contain a complete record of their compliance with this section.
12 Said report shall be filed within sixty (60) days after the completion
13 of said well.

1 SEC. 2. Offset Drilling. If oil or gas is discovered in paying quan-
2 tities on an adjoining leasehold, and the products therefrom are taken
3 out of the ground and marketed, and said well is within three hundred
4 thirty (330) feet of another lessor's property line, then within ninety
5 (90) days after written notice has been given lessee to the effect that
6 such oil or gas has commenced to be transported off and marketed from
7 the said adjoining premises, the lessee or lessees of the land lying
8 within three hundred thirty (330) feet of the said wells shall begin
9 to drill an offset well to each of such wells so located, so as to properly